

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4689–S4727

Measures Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2935–2961, and S. Res. 370–377. **Pages S4720–21**

Measures Reported:

S. 654, to amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act to reauthorize Delaware River Basin conservation programs.

S. 2958, to amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to make improvements to that Act.

S. 2959, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to reauthorize brownfields revitalization funding. **Page S4718**

Measures Passed:

Committee Membership: Senate agreed to S. Res. 370, to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S4699**

Protecting Hunting Heritage and Education Act: Senate passed H.R. 5110, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to clarify that the prohibition on the use of Federal education funds for certain weapons does not apply to the use of such weapons for training in archery, hunting, or other shooting sports. **Pages S4707–09**

Senate Dress Code: Senate agreed to S. Res. 376, clarifying the dress code for the floor of the Senate. **Pages S4716–17**

Community School Coordinators Appreciation Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 373, designating the week of September 17 through September 23, 2023, as "Community School Coordinators Appreciation Week". **Page S4717**

National Student Parent Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 374, designating September 2023 as "National Student Parent Month". **Page S4717**

National Teach Ag Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 375, supporting the designation of September 21, 2023, as "National Teach Ag Day" and celebrating

75 years of the National Association of Agricultural Educators. **Page S4717**

Hispanic Restaurant Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 377, recognizing Hispanic Restaurant Week and the contributions of Hispanic restaurant owners and employees to the restaurant industry. **Page S4717**

Measures Considered:

Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3935, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs. **Pages S4689–S4707, S4709–16**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, September 28, 2023; and that all time be considered expired at 11:45 a.m. **Page S4727**

Gee and McGrath Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate consider the nominations of Todd Gee, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi for the term of four years, and Tara K. McGrath, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of California for the term of four years; that there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided in the usual for on confirmation of each nomination; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate on confirmation of the nominations, in the order listed; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S4702**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Shanlyn A.S. Park, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy, Space Force. **Page S**

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Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and recessed at 6:54 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4727.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FOREIGN OWNERSHIP

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine foreign ownership in United States agriculture, after receiving testimony from Senators Tester, Rounds, Baldwin, and Lankford; Gloria Montano Greene, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation; Harrison M. Pittman, University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture National Agricultural Law Center, Fayetteville; and David L. Ortega, Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, East Lansing.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 4,318 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2860, to create protections for financial institutions that provide financial services to State-sanctioned marijuana businesses and service providers for such businesses, with an amendment.

MEDICARE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Medicare, after receiving testimony from Marilyn Moon, former Public Trustee, Medicare and Social Security Trust Funds, Social Security Administration; Chye-Ching Huang, New York University Law Tax Law Center, New York, New York; and James C. Capretta, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 654, to amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act to reauthorize Delaware River Basin conservation programs;

An original bill entitled, "Brownfields Reauthorization Act"; and

An original bill entitled, "Strengthening Coastal Communities Act".

GSA OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the General Services Administration, focusing on examining the Federal real estate portfolio, after receiving testimony from David Marroni, Acting Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, Government Accountability Office; and Nina Albert, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Thomas G. Day, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, and Katherine E. Oler, Judith E. Pipe, and Charles J. Willoughby, Jr., each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

WATER AS A TRUST RESOURCE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine water as a trust resource, focusing on access in Native communities, after receiving testimony from Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Benjamin Smith, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Kali Watson, Hawaiian Homes Commission Chairman, Kapolei; Crystalyne Curley, Navajo Nation Council, Window Rock, Arizona; Valerie Nurr'Aruluk Davidson, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage; and Heather Tanana, Universal Access to Clean Water for Tribal Communities, San Clemente, California.

AI AND THE FUTURE OF ELECTIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine AI and the future of our elections, after receiving testimony from Steve Simon, Minnesota Secretary of State, Saint Paul; Trevor Potter, former Commissioner and Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, Campaign Legal Center, Maya Wiley, The Leadership Conference on

Civil and Human Rights, and Ari Cohn, TechFreedom, all of Washington, D.C.; and Neil Chilson, Utah State University Center for Growth and Opportunity, Logan.

CHINA

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine countering China's malign influ-

ence operations in the United States, after receiving testimony from Glenn Tiffert, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Stanford, California; Alan E. Kohler, Jr., Pamir Consulting, LLC, Vienna, Virginia; and Sarah Cook, Freedom House, Hong Kong, China.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: There were no Public Bills or Resolutions introduced in today's Record.

Additional Cosponsors:

Report Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024: The House considered H.R. 4368, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. Consideration began yesterday, September 26th.

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Agreed to:

Boebert (No. 89 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that was debated on September 26th that prevents USDA from using funds for woke courses, books and study guides (by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 214 noes, Roll No. 421);

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Stauber (No. 99 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that was debated on September 26th that prohibits any funds made available by this bill from being used to fund the Farm to School Network Racial Equity Learning Lab (by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 428); and

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Miller (IL) (No. 101 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that was debated on September 26th that prohibits funds to implement the Climate Corp (by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 429).

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Rejected:

Spartz (No. 76 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that was debated on September 26th that sought to state that none of the funds made available by this bill may be used to carry out commodity checkoff programs (by a recorded vote of 49 ayes to 377 noes, Roll No. 417);

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Boebert (No. 79 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that was debated on September 26th that sought to prevent funds for USDA's Equity Commission (by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 418);

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Hageman (No. 83 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that was debated on September 26th that sought to prevent funds from being used to mandate electronic identification eartags for cattle and bison (by a recorded vote of 97 ayes to 336 noes, Roll No. 419);

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Good (VA) (No. 85 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that was debated on September 26th that sought to reduce to \$1 the salary of the Director of the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research at the FDA (by a recorded vote of 152 ayes to 278 noes, Roll No. 420);

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Good (VA) (No. 90 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that was debated on September 26th that sought to reduce to \$1 the salary of the Director of the Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology at the FDA (by a recorded vote of 158 ayes to 272 noes, Roll No. 422);

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Good (VA) (No. 91 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that was debated on September 26th that sought to reduce to \$1 the salary of the Director of the Division of Risk Management at the FDA (by a recorded vote of 159 ayes to 272 noes, Roll No. 423);

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Good (VA) (No. 92 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that was debated on September 26th that sought to reduce to \$1 the salary of the Director of the Office of New Drugs at the FDA (by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 273 noes, Roll No. 424);

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Good (VA) (No. 93 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that was debated on September 26th that sought to reduce to \$1 the salary of the Director of the Office of Compliance at the FDA (by a recorded vote of 161 ayes to 270 noes, Roll No. 425);

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Good (VA) (No. 94 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that was debated on September 26th that sought to reduce to \$1 the salary of the Director of the Office of Medical Policy at the FDA (by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 271 noes, Roll No. 426);

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Good (VA) (No. 95 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that was debated on September 26th that sought to reduce to \$1 the salary of the Director of the Office of Regulatory Policy at the FDA (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 267 noes, Roll No. 427); and

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Rosendale (No. 102 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that was debated on September 26th that sought to reduce the amount appropriated in this Act by \$717,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 71 ayes to 362 noes, Roll No. 430).

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H. Res. 723, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4365), (H.R. 4367), (H.R. 4665), and (H.R. 4368) was agreed to yesterday, September 26th. Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2024: The House considered H.R. 4365, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, September 28th.

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Agreed to:

Calvert en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216: James No. 1 that increase in Army RDT&E account of \$15 million with a reduction of \$15 million to O&M, Army; Buchanan No. 2 that increases and decreases O&M, Army by \$3 million to ensure foreign army bases have properly stocked ambulances and MedEvac helicopters; Buchanan No. 3 that provides \$1 million to Operations and Maintenance, Army to ensure the continuation of the Future Soldier Prep Course; reduces funding for Operations and Maintenance, Defense-Wide by \$1 million; Carbajal No. 4 that decreases O&M, Army by \$2,000,000 and increases RDT&E, Army by \$2,000,000 to bolster biotechnology research through university and industry research centers; Jacobs No. 5 that increases and decreases O&M funding by \$5m total across the services and Defense-Wide in support of additional funding to recruit and retain direct-care staff in Child Development Centers (CDCs); Kiggans No. 6 that increases and reduces Operation and Maintenance, Army by \$5,000,000 to support the Army Vantage program; McCormick No. 7 that provides an additional \$7.75 million for deployment and operationalization of additional sensor-based algorithms under the USAF Predictive Analytics and Decision Assistant (PANDA) system. Reduces funding for Army Operations and Maintenance, Facilities Sustainment, Restoration, and Mod-

ernization by \$7.75 million; Stevens No. 8 that increases \$5 million in funding within the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army (RDT&E, Army), Next Generation Combat Vehicle Advanced Technology for Virtual Proving Grounds Technology and reduces Operation and Maintenance, Army by \$5 million; Wilson No. 9 that increase and decrease funding by \$1,000,000 in Operation and Maintenance, Army to support personal protective equipment modernization for female service members and small stature male service members to ensure service members are given the appropriate equipment to perform at peak performance and avoid preventable injuries attributable to ill-fitting or malfunctioning personal protective equipment; Caraveo No. 10 that increases funding for Space Force RDT&E, Space Advanced Technology Development/Demo by \$10 million to ensure the Air Force Research Lab (AFRL) has continued resources to continue research and development on Adaptive Medium-Lift Engine Architecture. Decreases Navy O&M and Defense-Wide O&M by \$5 million each; Davis No. 11 that increases Operations and Maintenance, Navy, by \$8,606,779 to assist the Navy with information technology requirements and other associated costs to process legal claims associated with Camp Lejeune contaminated water lawsuits and decreases Operations and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, by the same amount to achieve cost-neutrality; Fallon No. 12 that increases Other Procurement, Army by \$55,000,000 to support HMMWV Anti-Rollover Safety Upgrades; Dunn No. 13 that funds a program to study traumatic brain injuries in veterans; Tony Gonzales (TX) No. 14 that increases and decreases Operation and Maintenance, Air Force by \$7.2 million with the intent to establish a modern Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) facility to maintain maximum readiness posture; Joyce No. 15 that decreases Air Force Research, Development, Test and Evaluation by \$4,000,000 and increases Air Force, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation by \$4,000,000 to support manufacturing technology with respect to the development of nanocomposite functional coatings; Crow No. 16 that increases funding for Space Force O&M, Space Launch Operations, by \$5,000,000, for “Multi-Mission Multi-Domain Space Launch Protection”. Reduces Defense-Wide O&M by \$5,000,000; Ezel No. 17 that increases Navy RDT&E, Air/Ocean Tactical Applications by \$8 million for “Autonomous Surface and Underwater Dual-Modality Vehicles” and decreases Operations and Maintenance, Space Force, by \$8 million; Kelly (MS) No. 18 that revises Army Aircraft Procurement with an additional \$10,000,000 for one UH–72B Lakota helicopter; Lamborn No. 19 that increases Space Force operation

and maintenance by \$2,500,000 and decreases Defense-Wide RDT&E \$2.5M; Bacon No. 20 that increases Air Force RDT&E by \$5 million for the purpose of modernizing defense nuclear command, control and communications (NC3) enterprise capabilities through USSTRATCOM's Research Engineering and Collaboration Hub (REACH) and reduces Defense-Wide Operations and Maintenance by \$5 million; Bacon No. 21 that increases Army RDT&E by \$5 million for the purpose of maximizing soldier performance and lethality through enhanced research of musculoskeletal health and physiology to improve individual resistance to injury and fatigue and reduced Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance by \$5 million; Banks No. 22 that increases Defense Production Act Purchases by \$5 million to support the establishment of a reliable domestic source of tetranitrocarbazole (TNC) for ammunition and flare production and decreases Operations and Maintenance (O&M), Defense-Wide by \$5 million; Boebert No. 23 that redirects \$3 million from O&M to fund research for combat-related traumatic injuries; Boebert No. 24 that redirects \$5 million from O&M to fund Navy and Marine procurement of MK107 cartridges; Boebert No. 25 that redirects \$3 million from O&M to increase funding for the National Guard Counterdrug Program to train and equip our servicemembers to counter illicit fentanyl and synthetic opioids and the transnational criminal organizations that contribute to the fentanyl crisis; Boebert No. 26 that redirects \$3 million from O&M to increase funding for Counter Narcotics Support to enhance DOD's role in countering the flow of illicit fentanyl and synthetic opioids; Connolly No. 27 that increases/decreases Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide by \$5,000,000 for the purposes of implementing the 21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act; Crow No. 28 that increases applied research funding for Space Force RDT&E, Space Technology, by \$2,500,000, for the "University Consortium for Space Technology". Reduces Defense-Wide O&M by \$2,500,000; Fitzgerald No. 30 that directs \$4 million in funding from O&M, Defense-Wide to RDT&E, Army to support Advanced Manufacturing Cell for Missile Fins and Components within End Item Industrial Preparedness Activities; Fitzpatrick No. 31 that increase RDT&E, Army by \$5 million and reduce Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance by the same; Garamendi No. 32 that transfers \$3 million from the Office of the Secretary Defense's (OSD) travel budget to the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program to match the level authorized level under the House-passed NDAA (H.R. 2670): \$88 million total for FY24; Garbarino No. 33 that directs \$5 million in funding from the Defense-Wide Operation and

Maintenance account to the Navy's Research, Development, Test & Evaluation (RDT&E), Force Protection Applied Research account (PE 0602123N), to establish an Aircraft Corrosion Certification Initiative, which would utilize industry experience with airframe testing combined with environmental and dynamic testing; Houlahan No. 35 that directs \$5 million in funding from Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance to Air Force RDT&E to support development of Turbo Air Cooled HTPEM Hydrogen Fuel Cell; Issa No. 36 that increases and decreases by \$1 million Defense-Wide Operations & Maintenance accounts to highlight the need for the Department of Defense to fully implement Section 626 of H.R. 5515—John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, which authorized the establishment—across all services—of harmonized procedures for Gold Star (surviving) spouses and next of kin to gain unescorted access to military installations; James No. 37 that increasing the RDT&E, Army for Derisking Production of the Advanced Combat Transmission and decreasing O&M, Defense-Wide, by \$10 million; James No. 38 that increase in Aircraft Procurement, Air Force account of \$122.6 million with a reduction of \$122.6 million to Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance; Joyce No. 39 that reduces Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance by \$15,000,000 and increases Other Procurement, Army by \$15,000,000 for the Army M971A3 Heavy Dump Truck (HDT) Program; Kamlager-Dove No. 40 that increases Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Army funding by \$7 million and reduces Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance by \$7 million;

Keating No. 41 that increases funding of RDT&E, Navy by \$5 million to support the Navy's autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV) mission and reduced Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance by \$5 million; Kelly (MS) No. 42 that revises RDT&E, Army by increasing funding by \$5,000,000 for Denied Area Monitoring & Exploitation v2.5; Luna No. 46 that reduces the Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide account by \$1,000,000 and increases the Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide account by \$1,000,000; Luttrell No. 47 that \$15 million increase for the litter lift stabilization system in Army Aircraft Procurement with a \$15 million offset from Defense-Wide O&M; Luttrell No. 49 that repurposes \$5 million dollars from Defense-Wide O&M to Army RDT&E in order to support wearable TBI prevention devices; McClain No. 51 that increases in Army RDT&E account of \$7.5 million with a reduction of \$7.5 million to Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance; and Sherrill No. 65 that directs \$10 million from Defense-Wide Operations and Maintenance to

Army RDT&E, intended to fund assured munitions position, navigation, and timing (APNT) warfare, as authorized by the House-passed FY2024 NDAA;

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Calvert en bloc amendment No. 2 consisting of the following amendments printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216: Kuster No. 43 that increases Air Force Research, Development, Test and Evaluation funding by \$12 million to support Additive Manufacturing Digital Technology Maturation and Adoption and reduces Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance by \$12 million; Lieu No. 44 that Increases Research, Test, Development, & Evaluation, Space Force, Space Innovation, Integration, and Rapid Technology Development funding by \$7.5 million to support Accelerating Space Operators Education and Experiential Learning and reduces Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance by \$7.5 million; Lieu No. 45 that increases Space Force, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E), Space Technology funding by \$5,000,000 and reduces Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance by \$5 million; Lynch No. 50 that increases the Defense Health Program by \$4 M to carry out the second year of the Special Operations TBI pilot program which provides treatment and care to Special Operations Forces impacted by Traumatic Brain Injury and other brain health issues. Offset by a reduction of \$4 M to O&M, Defense-Wide; McClain No. 52 that increases in Army RDT&E account of \$10 million with a reduction of \$10 million to Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance; McClain No. 53 that increases Other Procurement, Army, by \$15 million to provide funding for Infantry Squad Vehicles and reduces by \$15 million Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance; McCormick No. 54 that provides an additional \$4 million to enable continued development of the Paratrooper and Powered Paragliders Autopilot System (PAPPAS) and decreases funding for the Defense Personnel Accounting Agency Operations and Maintenance account by \$4 million; Miller (WV) No. 55 that \$1,000,000 increase in OM,DW–4GTN, Office of the Secretary of Defense with an offset in the same amount to fund the construction of the previously authorized memorial for the 13 servicemembers who lost their lives in the bombing at the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021; Mills No. 56 that increases RDT&E, Air Force by \$2 million to provide funding for critical research and development projects in order to provide solutions in autonomous connectivity of autonomous machines while ensuring high levels of security and resilience and reduces Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance by the same;

Norcross No. 58 that appropriates \$10,000,000 for Army RDT&E of high-performance polymer composites and coatings in the Arctic with an offset from Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance; Perry No. 59 that reduces funding for O&M, Defense-Wide by \$1 million and increases the Defense Health Program by the same amount for the purpose of furnishing Stellate Ganglion Block (SGB) therapy to personnel who elect to receive the treatment; Raskin No. 60 that increases funding available for the Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Research Program (TSCRCP) in the Defense Health Program by \$2 million with a reduction of \$2 million to Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance; Austin Scott (GA) No. 61 that appropriates an additional +\$4M in FY 24 in Air Force, RDT&E; PE0605828F; Acquisition Workforce-Global Reach for the USAF to begin the Digital Transformation for Aircraft Gun Systems initiative to develop and deliver digital models (digital transformation) for it's F–15, F–16, F–22, and A–10 20mm and 30mm aircraft gun systems. This reduces Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance by \$4 million; Sessions No. 62 that increases funding by \$5,000,000 for RDT&E, Army (Army RDT&E Page 38, line 9) for spectrum sharing and management with adaptable and reconfigurable technology research and decreases Defense-Wide Operations & Maintenance (page 10, line 19) by \$5,000,000; Sewell No. 63 that decreases \$5 million from O&M Defense-Wide and increases \$5 million for the Defense Health Program to enhance the peer-reviewed pancreatic cancer research program; Sherrill No. 64 that directs \$2.5 million from Defense-Wide Operations and Maintenance to Army RDT&E, intended to fund armaments technology for unmanned systems, as authorized by the House-passed FY2024 NDAA; Sorenson No. 75 that increases the Air Force RDT&E account by \$5 million offset by a \$5 million reduction to the Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance account to support development, test and evaluation of lightweight UAV skins that are rapidly additively manufactured; Strong No. 76 that reduces Operations and Maintenance, Defensewide by \$2.5 million; increases Procurement, Defense-Wide by \$2.5 million; Strong No. 77 that reduces Operation and Maintenance, Defensewide by \$10 million; increases Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army by \$10 million; Trahan No. 78 that increases (by \$5,000,000) funding for RDT&E, Soldier Lethality Advanced Technology, PE number 0603118A with an offset from operations and Maintenance, defense wide; Trahan No. 79 that increases Defense-Wide RDT&E, manufacturing technology program PE number 0603680S by \$6,000,000 with an offset from the Operations and Maintenance, defense wide account; Turner No. 80

that reduces DoD OM appropriated funding by \$2,500,000 and increases AF RDT&E appropriated funding by \$2,500,000 for Metals Affordability Initiative, line 016 PE 0603112F, Advanced Materials for Weapons Systems; Wasserman Schultz No. 81 that increases RDT&E, Defense-Wide, by \$10 million within Manufacturing Technology Program for Rapid Additive Manufacturing Critical Hardware. Decreases OM, Defense-Wide; Wilson (SC) No. 82 that increases RDT&E, Defense-Wide by \$16,500,000 for Hypersonic Advanced Composites Manufacturing and decreases \$16,500,000 from OM, Defense-Wide; Wilson (SC) No. 83 that increases RDT&E, Navy by \$6,000,000 for talent and technology for Navy power and energy systems and decreases OM, defense wide by \$6,000,000; Lamborn No. 84 that increases Army Research, Development, Test And Evaluation (RDT&E) by \$2,500,000 and decreases Army, Environmental Restoration funds by \$2.5M; Vasquez No. 85 that increases decreases DOD's Environmental Restoration budget by \$5M to prioritize remediating unexploded ordnance on Tribal Lands; Joyce No. 87 that increases Research, Test, Development, Evaluation, Defense-Wide by \$10,000,000 and reduces Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance by \$10,000,000 for Additive Manufacturing Casting Research and Development; Tenney No. 88 that increases and decreases funding by \$150 million for Air Force Aircraft Procurement for the procurement of one LC-130J; Jackson Lee No. 90 that reduces funding for Procurement, Defense-Wide, by \$10 million and increases funding for Defense Health Programs by \$10 million in order to address Triple Negative Breast Cancer research; Dunn No. 91 that increases and decrease Army RDT&E by \$7 million to support a project to assist the ARL with accelerated, multifunctional material design and scaled hybrid manufacturing for harsh and extreme environments; Fischbach No. 92 that increases and decreases \$8 million in funding from Army RDT&E to support Synthetic Training Equipment within the Army Futures Command/Cross Functional Team Program; Guest No. 93 that increases and decreases Army RDT&E by \$3 million to support the Forward Infrastructure and Reconnaissance Engineering program, which would study the use of unmanned aerial vehicles for critical infrastructure assessments in difficult environments through the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center; Hern No. 94 that increases and decreases by \$10 million Army RDT&E for the Army Pathfinder program (Army, RDT&E, Line 11, 0602143A, Soldier Lethality Technology) for Human-Machine Teaming. Builds the cross-communication and cooperation between human and technology needed to leverage AI, decision support, and

machining to increase the effectiveness, efficiency, and lethality of the individual soldier; Hudson No. 95 that increases and decreases Army RDT&E by \$10,000,000 to ensure the Army's plan for spending the funds meets congressional intent; Lesko No. 96 that increases and decreases by \$5,000,000 for research, development, test, and evaluation for the Army, with the intent that the \$5 million increase will be used for continued planning, integration, and qualification of the engine enhancement on the CH-47 Chinook platform to enable the implementation of Reliability, Availability, and Maintainability improvements to the legacy engine and increase aircraft flight performance for the CH-47 (Army, RDT&E, PE 0607137A, Line 191 Chinook Product Improvement Program); McGovern No. 97 that increases and decreases by \$11 million Army RDT&E, Next Generation Combat Vehicle Advance Technology, for Autonomous Vehicle Mobility to modernize combat vehicles for multi-domain operations; Miller (WV) No. 99 that increases and decreases by \$7 million for research, development, test and evaluation for the Army with the intent that the \$7 million will be used for or in-house and single source awarded funding for applied research into source characterization and recovery of Rare Earth Element domestic reserves; Molinaro No. 101 that Increase-Decrease Amendment highlighting Congress' intent for continued support of the Advanced Air Mobility industry; Moylan No. 103 that increases Defense-Wide Accounts for RDT&E by \$100M with offsetting reductions; Wilson (SC) No. 105 that increases and decreases RDT&E, Army by \$5,000,000 to enable expansion of terrain capabilities and power management of Q-UGVs to enhance the individual warfighter and reduce the cognitive load; Ezell No. 106 that increases funding by \$4,000,000 for RDT&E, Navy (Navy RDT&E Page 38, line 16) to enhance optoelectronic technology research and decreases Defense working capital fund (page 41, line 5) by \$4,000,000; Franklin No. 107 that increases and decreases Navy RDT&E funding by \$10 million for critical and emerging technologies; Franklin No. 108 that increases Navy RDT&E funding by \$6.5 million for the Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management program and reduces Defense-Wide RDT&E; and Johnson (SD) No. 109 that increases and decreases by \$7 million Navy RDT&E, Naval Integrated Fire Control Counter Air Systems Engineering for the Stratospheric Balloon Research Program;

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Calvert en bloc amendment No. 3 consisting of the following amendments printed in part A of H. Rept. 118-216: Calvert En Bloc No. 3 Titus No. 86 that increases the National Guard and Reserve

Equipment Account by \$750,000 to support Aviation Status Dashboards with an offsetting reduction; LaHood No. 89 that increases and decreases by \$4.3 million Air Force Other Procurement funds to construct a replacement facility to protect equipment and munitions at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER); McGovern No. 98 that increases and decreases by \$8.4 million Army RDT&E, Night System Advanced Development, for Micro-LED Soldier System Display Prototype to support the design, development, and delivery of the U.S. Army's next generation full-color LED micro-display prototype, specifically tailored for dismounted soldier applications; Mills (FL) No. 100 that increases and decreases by \$3,000,000 for Army, RDT&E, with the intent that the \$3 million will be used for the development of advanced ultra-highmolecular-weight polyethylene (UHMWP) to decrease armor application weight and increase material performance; Morelle No. 102 that increases and decreases by \$5.6 million research, development, test and evaluation for the Army to emphasize the need to protect and expand our domestic capacity to manufacture and develop organic LED micro displays; Scanlon No. 104 that increases and decreases Army RDT&E by \$15 million for the integration and demonstration of Quad-ruped Unmanned Ground Vehicles; LaLota No. 110 that increases and Decreases the Navy-Wide Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation for the purposes of increasing Surface Mine Countermeasure Technology Insertion Competition; Peters No. 111 that increases and decreases Navy, RDT&E, Digital Warfare Office, Line 75, PE 0604027N by \$8 million for the "Software Radio for Weapons and Autonomous Vehicle Enablement (SR-WAVE)" to enable the Navy to evaluate and demonstrate advanced emerging software radio technology; Peters No. 112 that increases and decreases Navy, RDT&E, Digital Warfare Office, Line 75, PE 0604027N by \$8 million for the "Software Radio for Weapons and Autonomous Vehicle Enablement (SR-WAVE)" to enable the Navy to evaluate and demonstrate advanced emerging software radio technology; Self No. 113 that increases Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Navy funding by \$5 million for Heterogeneous Photonic Integrated Circuit (HPIC) technology and reduces Defense Working Capital funding by \$5 million; Smith (NJ) No. 114 that increases the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy by \$4 million to establish a Digital Component Certification Center to inspect digital components, such as microchips, from foreign sources for inclusion in US vessels, vehicles, aircrafts, and weapons systems, and decreases the Defense Working Capital Funds by \$4 million; Bilirakis No. 115 that increases and decreases RDT&E, Air Force

by \$4.5 million for PE #0602102F, Line 5, Materials RDT&E Air Force, Project 624348, Materials for Electronics, Optics, and Survivability and reduces funding by the same amount for Future AF Integrated Technology Demos; Carey No. 116 that increases and decreases by \$7 million for research, development, test and evaluation for the Air Force with the intent that the \$7 million will be used for the development of a cognitive EW machine learning/neuromorphic processing device to counter AI-enabled adaptive threats; Joyce No. 117 that reduces the Air Force Research, Development, Test and Evaluation account by \$3,000,000 and increases Air Force, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, by \$3,000,000 to support Alloy Additive Manufacturing Research; Lamborn No. 118 that increases Research, Test, Development, and Evaluation, Air Force, and reduces Defense-Wide, Operational Test and Evaluation by \$5 million; Letlow No. 119 that Increases Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air Force by \$10,000,000 for Air Force Global Strike Command Technology Transition and Innovation; reduces the Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air Force by \$10,000,000; Pettersen No. 120 that moves five million dollars from the Defense Working Capital Funds to the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force Account; Sewell No. 121 that decreases \$10 million from OM Defense-Wide and increases \$10 million for RDT&E, Air Force to support the Business Enterprise Systems Product Innovation (BESPIN); Soto No. 122 that increases and decreases Air Force RDT&E, aerospace sensors funding by \$5 million, for zero-trust environment for semiconductor technology, for the Air Force Research Lab trusted microchip manufacturing prototype program; Tenney No. 123 that increases and decreases funding by \$44 million for Air Force Research Development, Test, and Evaluation for the non-recurring engineering costs associated with converting a C-130J into an LC-130J with skis; Wenstrup No. 124 that increases the Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Air Force Account by \$3 million for the purpose of supporting state-of-art simulation capability for training future Critical Care Air Transport (CCAT) teams, while decreasing the Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Air Force Account by \$3 million as an offset; Huizenga No. 126 that increases and decreases by \$5 million for Defense-Wide Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation to emphasize the Industrial base Analysis and Sustainment Support account for M-shaped hull manufacturing workforce development program; Buchanan No. 127 that increases and decreases Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-

Wide by \$1 million to combat future military training accidents and research ways to prevent them; Carey No. 128 that increases and decreases RDT&E, Defense-Wide by \$20 million so that the Department of Defense may utilize appropriations types to procure commercial cloud services aligned to the activity supported by those commercial services; Davis No. 129 that increases and decreases Defense-Wide RDT&E by \$8 million to conduct extensive RD, testing, and evaluating as well as developing use cases and establishing TTPs of unmanned ground systems; Deluzio No. 130 that increases and decreases, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Defense-Wide funding by \$10,000,000 for Resilient Manufacturing Ecosystem via Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment Support; Ellzey No. 131 that Increases and decreases by \$5 million Defense-Wide Research, Development, Test and Evaluation funding with the intent that the \$5 million will be used for the rapid prototyping and fielding of unmanned surface vessels with advanced autonomous capabilities that are able to launch and recover from Naval Special Warfare Combatant Craft; Houchin No. 132 that increases Research, Test, Development, and Evaluation (RDT&E), Defense-Wide by \$6.5 million to support Additive Manufacturing Microelectronics Protection and reduces the same account by \$6.5 million; Hudson No. 133 that increases and reduces Defense-Wide RDT&E by \$5,000,000 for Combating Terrorism Technology Support; Kiggans No. 134 that increases and decreases Defense-Wide RDT&E by \$10 million to support research into 5G interference with military radar; Mills No. 135 that provides for an additional \$5 million to develop an alternate domestic source AC-130J Infrared Suppression System, fully offset by a reduction from Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment Support Research Development and Test account; Wenstrup No. 136 that increases the amount for Defense Health Programs, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation by \$7,000,000 for freeze-dried platelet hemostatic product development and decreases the amount for Operation and Maintenance, Air Force, by \$7,000,000; Kiggans No. 138 that increases and decreases funding for medical and health programs at the Department of Defense by \$1,000,000 to express the intent that the TRICARE reimbursement rate for pharmacies should be increased; Molinaro No. 139 that increases and decreases funding for the Defense Health Program by \$4,000,000 to ensure servicemembers and other eligible beneficiaries have access to comprehensive health care services, including for those with disabilities; Rouzer No. 140 that decrease and Increase the Defense Health Program account by \$7,800,000 for research, development, test and evaluation for the

purpose of conducting research identifying domestic critical ingredients necessary for the domestic production of Critical Pharmaceuticals identified by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) in the anticipated report required under House Report 117-118 and solutions to mitigate pharmaceutical supply chain shortages; Cohen No. 141 that increases the amount for Defense Health Programs, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation by \$200,000 to study the incidence of cerebral palsy and hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy among children of servicemembers and decreases the amount for Defense Health Programs Operation and Maintenance by \$200,000; Kiggans No. 142 that increases and decreases funding for Tricare by \$1,000,000 to express the intent that the Tricare reimbursement rate should be increased for mental health providers; Finstad No. 143 that reduces the Defense Health Program Operations and Maintenance account by \$3M and increases the Defense Health Program RTDE account by \$3M for Medical Technology Development through the Health Research for Improved Medical Readiness and Health Care Delivery (USUHS) program for the purposes of developing an ionizing radiation countermeasure; Bergman No. 144 that increases and decreases the account for congressionally directed medical research programs at the Defense Health Agency to highlight the need for research into treatments and cures for Monoamine Oxidase Deficiency through the Autism Research Program; Molinaro No. 145 that increases and decreases funding for the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program by \$9,000,000 to emphasize the importance of funding innovative and impactful research on autism and other autism-spectrum conditions; Molinaro No. 146 that reduces funds for the Office of the Inspector General by \$5,000,000 and increases counter-narcotic support by \$5,000,000; Williams No. 147 that increases and decreases Air Force RDT&E by \$5 million for the IoT Living Ecosystem; Alford No. 148 that provides \$5 million increase for Man-portable Doppler Radar System within Army RDT&E and reduces Operations and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, Secretary of Defense line by \$5 million; and Fry No. 159 that prohibits federal funds from being used to eliminate ROTC programs at institutions of higher education;

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Luttrell amendment (No. 48 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118-216) that provides \$15 million in funding for the DoD wide Psychedelic Medical Clinical Trials;

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Crenshaw amendment (No. 137 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118-216) that provides funding for the Defense Health Agency to submit a report to Congress on options to ensure that active-duty service members who are suffering from Traumatic Brain

Injuries (TBI) and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) are able to participate in clinical trials under the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purposes of studying the effectiveness of psychedelic substances; **Pages H4597–98**

Griffith amendment (No. 150 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that strikes references to China in lines 18 and 19 on page 132; **Pages H5699–H4600**

Clyde amendment (No. 154 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits funds to implement or enforce recommendation of the Naming Commission in regards to the Reconciliation Monument in Arlington National Cemetery (agreed to by voice vote after unanimous consent that the request for a recorded vote be withdrawn to the end that the amendment stands disposed by the earlier voice vote that was recorded thereon. Agreed to without objection.) **Pages H4603–04, H4614**

Craig amendment (No. 157 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to deploy United States Armed Forces to Ukraine; **Pages H4606–07**

Greene (GA) amendment (No. 164 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to pay Defense Secretary Lloyd James Austin III a salary that exceeds \$1; **Pages H4610–11**

Hageman amendment (No. 165 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits regular telework and remote work for DoD civilians and contractors; **Pages H4611–13**

D'Esposito amendment (No. 167 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that prevents funds in this act to be used to house migrants on military installations who entered this country through our open southern border; **Pages H4614–15**

Norman amendment (No. 168 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits funds for all offices of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; **Pages H4615–16**

Norman amendment (No. 169 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that to prohibit the provision of gender transition procedures, including surgery or medication, through the Exceptional Family Member Program; **Pages H4616–17**

Ogles amendment (No. 170 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits the removal of companies from the Section 1260H List of Chinese Civil-Military Fusion companies; **Page H4617**

Ogles amendment (No. 171 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits funding for NewsGuard, an organization that purportedly assesses the reliability of news sites; **Pages H4617–18**

Rosendale amendment (No. 172 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that none of the funds made

available by this Act may be used to require a member of the Armed Forces or a civilian employee of DoD to receive a vaccination against COVID–19; **Pages H4618–20**

Roy amendment (No. 173 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that increases funding for the Inspector General by \$20 million for an Office of the Special Inspector General for Ukraine Assistance, if authorized, to enhance oversight and accountability measures for funds appropriated for Ukraine; reduces Inspector General by \$20 million; **Pages H4620–21**

Roy amendment (No. 174 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that reduces the salary of Cyrus Salazar (Director of DoD's Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) to one \$1; **Pages H4621–22**

Roy amendment (No. 176 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that none of the funds made available by this Act may be used for the Marine Corps University Brute Krulak Center's Reynolds Scholars Program; **Pages H4623–24**

Roy amendment (No. 177 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that none of the funds appropriated by this Act may be used to implement President Biden's climate change Executive orders; **Pages H4624–26**

Tiffany amendment (No. 178 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits the Department of Defense from creating, procuring, or displaying any map that depicts Taiwan or any offshore island under the administration of the government of Taiwan as part of the territory of Communist China; **Page H4626**

Tiffany amendment (No. 179 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that exempts members of the U.S. military, and civilian employees of the Department of Defense, from arbitrary restrictions on official travel to Taiwan and normal communication with Taiwanese officials imposed by the U.S. Department of State through the "Memorandum for All Department and Agency Executive Secretaries" entitled "Revised Guidelines on Interaction with Taiwan" dated June 29, 2021; **Pages H4626–27**

Rosendale amendment (No. 180 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act from enforcing any COVID–19 mask mandates; and **Page H4627–28**

Houlahan amendment (No. 34 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that directs \$50 million from O&M Defense-Wide to the Defense Production Act Purchases account, intended to fund the Advanced Defense Capabilities Pilot Program, as authorized by Section 853 of the House-passed FY24 NDAA and Section 831 of the Senate-passed FY24 NDAA (by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 191 noes, Roll No. 431). **Pages H4596, H4659–60**

Rejected:

Norton amendment (No. 125 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to increase and decrease by \$10 million for research, development, test and evaluation for the Space Force with the intent that the \$10 million will be used for Single-Stage-to-Orbit Propulsion Research (Space Force RDT&E, Line 44, PE#1206860SF, Rocket Systems Launch Program (RSLP)) (failed by voice vote after unanimous consent that the request for a recorded vote be withdrawn to the end that the amendment stands disposed by the earlier voice vote that was recorded thereon. Agreed to without objection.) **Page H4597**

Biggs amendment (No. 149 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to decrease Section 8104, Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative by \$300,000,000, and increases the Spending Reduction Account by \$300,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 104 ayes to 330 noes, Roll No. 432); **Page H**

Plaskett amendment (No. 151 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to strike section 8149 (by a recorded vote of 203 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 433); **Pages H4598–99, H4660**

Boebert amendment (No. 152 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to reduce the salary of Shawn Skelly, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 150 ayes to 282 noes, Roll No. 434); **Pages H4601–02, H4661–62**

Boebert amendment (No. 153 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to reduce the salary of Norvel Dillard, Director of Diversity and Inclusion Management at the Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion of the Department of Defense, to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 435); **Pages H4602–03, H4662**

Clyde amendment (No. 155 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to prohibit funds from being used to implement section 370 of Public Law 116–283 (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 261 noes, Roll No. 436); **Pages H4604–05, H4662–63**

Connolly amendment (No. 156 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to prohibit funds from being used in violation of section 129a of title 10, United States Code: General policy for total force management (by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 218 noes, Roll No. 437); **Pages H4605–06, H4663–64**

Gaetz amendment (No. 160 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to prohibit security assistance for Ukraine (by a recorded vote of 93 ayes to 339 noes, Roll No. 438); **Pages H4608–09, H4664**

Gaetz amendment (No. 161 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to prohibit funds made available by the bill from being used to transfer cluster munitions (by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 269 noes, Roll No. 439); **Pages H4609–10, H4664–65**

Jayapal amendment (No. 166 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to prohibit the use

of funds to administer the unfunded priorities list (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 440); and **Pages H4613–14, H4665–66**

Roy amendment (No. 175 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to state that none of the funds appropriated by this act may be used to carry out the observance of Pride Month authorized by the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness for the Cultural Observances and Awareness Events List (by a recorded vote of 202 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 441). **Pages H4622–23, H4666**

Withdrawn:

Fallon amendment (No. 158 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–216) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to have the salary of Kelisa Wing, within the Department of Defense, reduced to \$1.00. **Pages H4607–08**

H. Res. 723, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4365), (H.R. 4367), (H.R. 4665), and (H.R. 4368) was agreed to yesterday, September 26th. Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2024: The House considered H.R. 4367, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, September 28th. **Page H4659**

Agreed to:

Joyce en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–216: Boebert (No. 1) that redirects funding from DHS bureaucracy to fund CBP fentanyl detection at Border Patrol Checkpoints; Buchanan (No. 3) that increases the Science and Technology Directorate, R&D by \$3 million to provide for research into using physical surveillance technology and AI technology in conjunction with the additional physical technology; decreases funds by \$3 million from the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management; Buchanan (No. 4) that increase United States Secret Service, Operations and Support, by \$2 million to bolster investigations for missing and exploited children; decrease funds by \$2 million from the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management; Buchanan (No. 5) that increase Customs and Border Protection, Operations and Support, by \$3 million to bolster funding for Non-Intrusive Inspection and opioid detection technology; decrease funds by \$3 million from the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management; Frankel (No. 7) that increases and decreases funding for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management, Operations and Support by \$1 million to support the implementation of the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) strategy including staffing, programming, and research to bolster WPS efforts in DHS, in addition

to department-wide training to ensure officials understand how the inclusion of women increases the effectiveness of security related policies and programs, and specific steps that they can take to promote women's participation; Wagner (No. 9) that increases the ICE/HSI appropriation by \$24 million and decreases the Office of Secretary and Executive Management by \$27.5 million for the purpose of supporting child exploitation and child sexual abuse material (CSAM) investigations; Kim (No. 12) that decreases \$5,000,000 from the Management Directorate for operations and support and increases \$5,000,000 for the National Urban Search & Rescue Response System; Gottheimer (No. 14) that increases and decreases funding by \$1 million from U.S. Customs and Border Protection Operations and Support to support CBP's focus on global auto theft rings that use U.S. ports to export stolen cars to other countries; Grothman (No. 15) that increases and decreases Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Operations and Support budget to highlight the need for a report on the expanded use of canine units within CBP outside of the Office of Field Operations for the purpose of detecting migrants and narcotics along the southern border with recommendations for Congress to provide funding for such expanded use; Pence (No. 16) that increases-decreases funding by \$1 million for Customs and Border Protection P-3 aircraft propulsion upgrades, which extend time-onstation, boost operational range, and significantly reduce maintenance costs; Wagner (No. 17) that increases and reduces U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Operations and Support, by \$1 to prioritize the elimination of delays in Trusted Traveler Program application processing times; Trahan (No. 18) that increases and decreases Customs and Border Patrol's Operation and Support budget to highlight the need for a report on the use of previous funding and funding gaps for handheld electronic fentanyl interdiction devices, specifically handheld mass spectrometer devices and handheld Raman spectrometer devices; Vasquez (No. 20) that increases and decreases CBP's Procurement, Construction, and Improvements budget by \$10M to ensure CBP prioritizes the procurement of autonomous border technology to enhance security and humanitarian response between land ports of entry; Molinaro (No. 21) that increase-decrease amendment to highlight the importance of the Coast Guard's Marine Environmental Program to fight against pollution and illegal dumping in the Hudson River; Houlihan (No. 22) that increases and decreases the funding for integrated operations at Customs and Border Patrol, to emphasize the need for counter Unmanned Aircraft Systems reform; Menendez (No. 30) that increases and decreases the budget for CISA to support funding for the Chem-

ical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program, particularly to improve training of facility inspectors; Gottheimer (No. 31) that increases and decreases funding for FEMA Operations and Support to improve access, outreach, and transparency for Non-profit Security Grant Program applicants; Molinaro (No. 32) that increase-decrease amendment to ensure that the needs of those with intellectual and developmental disabilities are considered during FEMA emergency assistance; Tony Gonzales (TX) (No. 33) that increases Operation Stonegarden funding by \$10,000,000 and decreases Science and Technology Directorate Research and Development account by \$10,000,000; Pascrell (No. 34) that increases Assistance to Firefighter Grants by \$10 million and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants by \$10 million; Pascrell (No. 35) that increases Nonprofit Security Grant Program by \$20 million; Rose (No. 36) that ensures that \$5 million of the funds appropriated under Public Transportation Security Assistance, Railroad Security Assistance, and Over-the-Road Bus Security (OTRBS) Assistance goes towards OTRBS Assistance; and Buchanan (No. 37) that increases and decreases the Disaster Relief Fund by \$10 million to bring additional attention to the need for greater investments in pre-disaster mitigation efforts; **Pages H4628–46**

Santos amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–216) that increases ICE appropriation by \$34,860,000 and decreases the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management by \$39,860,000 and for the purposes of re-establishing the VOICE office within ICE; **Pages H4646–47**

McCormick amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–216) that increases the amount withheld from Office of the Secretary and for executive management for operations and support from \$25 million to \$35 million if they do not submit the reports required by subsection (g) of section 1092 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (6 U.S.C. 223) and subsection (b) of section 386 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996; and

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Arrington amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–216) that increases and decreases the DHS Management Directorate Operations and Support by \$10,000,000 to emphasize the importance of reaffirming the states' constitutional and sovereign right to defend their border **Pages H4648–49**

H. Res. 723, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4365), (H.R. 4367), (H.R. 4665), and (H.R. 4368) was agreed to yesterday, September 26th.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Fourteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4567–49 and H4659–66.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:49 a.m.

Joint Meetings

UN AND UKRAINE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the United Nations and Ukraine, after receiving testimony from Sergiy Kyslytsya, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations; Thomas Grant, University of Cambridge; and Natasha Hall, CSIS Middle East Program.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Derek H. Chollet, of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary for Policy, and Cara L. Abercrombie, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine opportunities to counter the People's Republic of China's control of critical mineral supply chains through increased mining and processing in the United States as well as international engagement and trade, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold hearings to examine solutions to address beverage container waste, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marjorie A. Rollinson, of Virginia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury, and Patricia Hart Neuman, of the District of Columbia, and Demetrios L. Kouzoukas, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, and both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Richard E.N. Federico, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Joshua Paul Kolar, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Jeffrey M. Bryan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, Eumi K. Lee, to be United States District Judge

for the Northern District of California, and Deborah Robinson, of New Jersey, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration”. Testimony was heard from Douglas L. Parker, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor.

REVITALIZING AMERICA THROUGH THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials held a hearing entitled “Revitalizing America Through the Reauthorization of the Brownfields Program”. Testimony was heard from Barry Breen, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Land and Emergency Management, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

PROPOSALS TO ENHANCE PRODUCT SAFETY AND TRANSPARENCY FOR AMERICANS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Proposals to Enhance Product Safety and Transparency for Americans”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Securities and Exchange Commission”. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission.

NO INCENTIVES FOR TERRORISM: U.S. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TAYLOR FORCE ACT AND EFFORTS TO STOP ‘PAY TO SLAY’

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia held a hearing entitled “No Incentives for Terrorism: U.S. Implementation of the Taylor Force Act and Efforts to Stop ‘Pay to Slay’”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE CURRENT U.S.-SOUTH AFRICA BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing entitled “Examining the Current U.S.-South Africa Bilateral Relationship”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF HOMELAND SECURITY: ADDRESSING THE RISE OF TERRORISM IN AFRICA

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “The Future of Homeland Security: Addressing the Rise of Terrorism in Africa”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ADVANCEMENT: GAO MODERNIZATION

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Modernization held a hearing entitled “Legislative Branch Advancement: GAO Modernization”. Testimony was heard from Gene Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Copyright Office”. Testimony was heard from Shira Perlmutter, Register of Copyrights and Director, U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

DESTROYING AMERICA’S BEST IDEA: EXAMINING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S USE OF NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LANDS FOR MIGRANT CAMPS

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Destroying America’s Best Idea: Examining the Biden Administration’s Use of National Park Service Lands for Migrant Camps”. Testimony was heard from Joann Ariola, City Council Member, District 32, New York City, New York; Jaime Williams, Assemblymember, 59th District, State Assembly, New York; and public witnesses.

COMBATING RANSOMWARE ATTACKS

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation; and the Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs held a joint hearing entitled “Combating Ransomware Attacks”. Testimony was heard from Lacey Gosch, Assistant Superintendent of

Technology, Judson Independent School District, Live Oak, Texas; and public witnesses.

UKRAINE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND OVERSIGHT SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5692, the “Ukraine Security Assistance and Oversight Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024” [Rule Markup Only]. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5692, the “Ukraine Security Assistance and Oversight Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides thirty minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides that during further consideration of H.R. 4365, the further amendments specified in section 3 shall be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides that during further consideration of H.R. 4367, the further amendment specified in section 5 shall be considered as adopted.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AT THE EPA

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Science and Technology at the EPA”. Testimony was heard from Michael S. Regan, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION THROUGH INNOVATION: PRIVATE SECTOR SOLUTIONS TO RECOUPING STOLEN PANDEMIC LOAN FUNDS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Action Through Innovation: Private Sector Solutions to Recouping Stolen Pandemic Loan Funds”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a business meeting on documents protected under Internal Revenue Code section 6103. A motion to submit to the United States House of Representatives documents protected under Internal Revenue Code Section 6103 was agreed to. Part of this meeting was closed.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining Irregularity in the Strategic Basing Process for U.S. Space Command”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development, hearing entitled “How SCOTUS’s Decision on Race-Based Admissions is Shaping University Policies”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Investigating the Role of Electric Infrastructure in the Catastrophic Maui Fire”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, hearing entitled “Powering America’s Economy, Security, and Our Way of Life: Examining the State of Grid Reliability”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Reclaiming Congress’s Article I Powers: Counterterrorism AUMF Reform”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

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Subcommittee on Indo-Pacific, hearing entitled “Lasers and Water Cannons: Exposing the Chinese Communist Party’s Harassment in the South China Sea”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Projecting Presence and Power in the Indo-Pacific: An Examination of the United States Coast Guard’s Contributions to Maritime Security”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, markup on Committee Resolution 118–22, updates and modernizes the Members Congressional Handbook; Committee Resolution 118–23, updates and modernizes the Committee Handbook; Committee Resolution 118–24, updates and modernizes the Eligible Congressional Member Organization (ECMO) Handbook; Committee Resolution 118–21, to approve an additional Committee Consultant Contract Agreement with the Committee on the Budget; legislation to update House Rule 24 Clause 8 to clarify the Franking blackout period is 60 days prior to an election in which the members name will appear on a ballot to bring House Rules in line with the statute; H.R. 3196, the “Architect of the Capitol Appointment Act of 2023”; H. Res. 458, requiring foreign state media outlets with credentialed members in the House news media galleries to comply with the Foreign Agents Registration Act by prohibiting the admission into such galleries of reporters and correspondents who are representatives of such outlets who are not in compliance with the requirements of such Act, and for other purposes; legislation which Extends the Federal Election Commission’s Administrative Fine Program by 10 years; H.R. 4474, the “Confirmation of Congressional Observer Access Act

of 2023”; and H.R. 4460, the “NO VOTE for Non-Citizens Act”, 12 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5736, the “Federal Accountability in Interviews Reform Act”; H.R. 1105, the “Debbie Smith Act of 2023”; H.R. 5721, the “Rape Kit Backlog Progress Act of 2023”; H.R. 4531, the “Support for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 2553, the “No More Political Prosecutions Act”; H.J. Res. 11, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve; and H.R. 786, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide an additional place for holding court for the Pecos Division of the Western District of Texas, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing on H.R. 2437, to revise the boundaries of a unit of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System in Topsail, North Carolina, and for other purposes; H.R. 3415, the “Pilot Butte Power Plant Conveyance Act”; H.R. 4385, the “Drought Preparedness Act”; and H.R. 5490, the “BEACH Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

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Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 1121, the “Protecting American Energy Production Act”; and H.R. 5616, the “BRIDGE Production Act of 2023”, 2:15 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Basis for an Impeachment Inquiry of President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Energy and Supply Chains, hearing entitled “Energy Independence: How Burdensome Regulations are Crushing Offshore Small Energy Producers”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “Clean Water Infrastructure Financing: State and Local Perspectives and Recent Developments”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “VA’s Fiduciary Program: Ensuring Veterans’ Benefits are Properly Managed”, 10 a.m., 360 Cannon.

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Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5688, the “Bipartisan HSA Improvement Act of 2023”; and H.R. 5687, the “HSA Modernization Act of 2023”, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

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10 a.m., Thursday, September 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3935, Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act (the legislative vehicle for the continuing resolution), post-cloture, and vote on the motion to proceed thereon at 11:45 a.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, September 28

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Continue consideration of H.R. 4368—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024. Continue consideration of H.R. 4365—Making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. Continue consideration of H.R. 4367—Making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.

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